



RESOLUTION NO. 38886

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the use of up to \$10,000, budgeted from the
3 Council Contingency Fund, to support an installation of artwork at the
4 University of Puget Sound honoring Dr. Gordon Klatt.

5 WHEREAS, in 1985, while circling the track during his 24-hour solo run
6 at the University of Puget Sound's Baker Stadium, Dr. Gordon Klatt, a
7 colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, envisioned a team relay event that could raise
8 money for the American Cancer Society, and

9 WHEREAS, with that run in 1985, Dr. Klatt began a movement to fight
10 cancer that has since raised \$5 billion, cumulatively known as the "American
11 Cancer Society Relay for Life," and

12 WHEREAS word spread about the unique, successful event in Tacoma,
13 and Dr. Klatt was soon teaching others around the country about the event, and

14 WHEREAS, as a result, Relay for Life has become the largest single
15 health-related fundraiser in the world, taking place in 5,200 communities across
16 the United States and 900 events, patterned from the U.S. event, occurring in
17 22 countries, and

18 WHEREAS the success of this fundraiser has brought significant
19 additional funding for the mission of the American Cancer Society: a cure
20 through research, education, patient services, and advocacy, and

21 WHEREAS, through Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society honors
22 and celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those who were lost, and fights
23 back by advocating for prevention, research, and early education, and



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WHEREAS individuals who have participated in the Relay for Life in other locations travel to Tacoma and the University of Puget Sound campus to see where the event was born, and

WHEREAS the American Cancer Society and members of the Tacoma community wish to commemorate Dr. Klatt through an art installation at the location of his solo run at the University of Puget Sound, and have requested that the City contribute \$10,000 toward the project to recognize and honor Dr. Klatt for his contributions to the Tacoma community and to share the story of healing and hope, and

WHEREAS, at the April 1, 2014, Committee of the Whole, Mayor Strickland proposed that the City contribute \$10,000 to support the artwork installation, with the City's contribution to be contingent on the American Cancer Society's ability to secure the other funding to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, at that meeting, Mayor Strickland requested that the City Manager make funding in the amount of \$10,000 available through the Council Contingency Fund, and to begin work to identify the terms and deliverables for a subsequent contract establishing the contribution, and

WHEREAS the artwork installation is intended to educate and share the story of healing and hope and how one person can make a difference in Tacoma and the world; Now, Therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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That the use of up to \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby authorized to support the installation of artwork at the University of Puget Sound honoring Dr. Gordon Klatt.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney